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For: GASKETLESS DRUM

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following amended claim(s):

1. A reusable sealable plastic drum comprising

a plastic drum body with a convex upper chime having a convex chime radius,

a plastic lid having an annular, peripheral mating channel sized to accept said upper chime, said channel having an inner wall, an outer wall, a mouth for receiving said upper chime, and a base surface for engaging said upper chime,

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